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AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY FOCUSES ON SIKH COMMUNITY'S CHALLENGES WITH LIVING IN POST 9-11 AMERICA

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a film showing of Tami Yeager's *A Dream in Doubt* on Wednesday, April 23, at 6:30 PM in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. A public discussion will follow the film presentation. This event is FREE to the public.

A story of immigrant survival, *A Dream in Doubt* focuses on Sikh Americans living in Phoenix, Arizona, in a close-knit community of families who experienced a wave of frightening hate crimes in the aftermath of 9/11. Rana Singh Sodhi, a 36-year-old Indian immigrant, finds his life forever altered by the 9/11 terror attacks, not because he knew any victims of the attack, but because his turban and beard became symbols of the terrorists who attacked America. Rana's eldest brother, Balbir—who also was bearded and wore a turban—was America's first post-9/11 hate crime murder victim, gunned down at his gas station by a man who claimed he was rooting out a terrorist.

As if one murder was not enough, Rana's next-eldest brother, Sukhpal, was shot and killed in mysterious circumstances less than a year later. The events captured in *A Dream in Doubt* show the almost daily horrors members of the Sikh community live with as misunderstood Americans. Yet Rana relies on his belief in the American values of freedom, self-reliance, equality and protection of the weak—values that mirror Sikh teachings—to carry him through injustices.

By following Rana's attempts to insure that justice is served in his brothers' murders, *A Dream in Doubt* tells a uniquely personal story of tragedy, family connection, community and an American Dream that is in danger of slipping away. In the end, this moving portrait of one man's odyssey from persecution in India to embracing America as his homeland proves that courage and hope have the power to overcome hate.

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Community Cinema is affiliated with the independent media organization ITVS or Independent Television Service. ITVS Community Cinema is a monthly screening series that pairs independently produced documentary films with leading organizations working to resolve related social issues in communities across the country. All film content featured in ITVS Community Cinema will broadcast nationally on the Emmy Award-winning PBS series Independent Lens. *A Dream in Doubt* will air nationally on Tuesday, May 20, at 10:00PM (check local listings).

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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